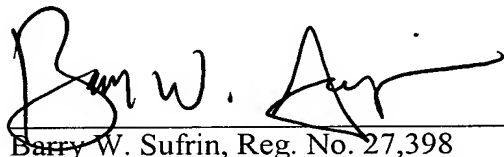


REMARKS

By this preliminary amendment, applicants cancel claim 1-74, and add new claims 75 to 140 directed to the toy figure torso joint of the present invention and the manner in which articulating limbs are connected thereto. Support for the new claims is found at page 27, lines 5-17, and in the figures referenced therein. For example, as described and shown in Figure 17, shaft 710 extends outwardly from a central cavity 715 formed in the lower torso 252. The shaft has a first end, or member, 720 and a second end, or member, 725 projecting outwardly from opposite sides of the lower torso 252. A planar member 755 associated with the shaft members is removably disposed in the central cavity to control the movement of the shaft members. A pair of articulating limbs 18 are connected to opposite sides of the lower torso 252 by the shaft members 720 and 725. Accordingly, applicants submit that new claims 75-140 are fully supported by the application and contain no new matter.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of new claims 75-140.

Respectfully submitted,

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